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"A lot of business people and clients won't come to a rural area if they can't get in and out of the region with ease," Wilson said. "We want to provide Southeastern Ohio with all of the tools necessary to aid in economic development and this airport is a key tool. Congressman Space and I are committed to helping the university as it becomes more involved in developing jobs and opportunities in the region."

"Ohio University's airport provides a vital service to Southeastern Ohio," Space said. "This airport brings in over \$15 million in economic activity to the region, and we must do everything we can to continue to support this facility, making it better able to handle increased traffic."

"Congressman Wilson has been a great partner in bringing this funding to Ohio University, and both of us together will continue to work to bring much-needed economic development tools to this region," Space continued.

Wilson and Space were able to secure this funding in the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, which passed the House of Representatives late last night. Specifically, this funding will go to enhance the safety and commercial service operations through the construction of an aircraft ramp, build a maintenance vehicle storage facility, and install lighted approach aids. All of these upgrades will make the airport more usable for commercial operators.

This appropriations bill will now go to the Senate for consideration.